

**FREMONT BOARD OF SELECTMEN****25 MAY 2006****APPROVED 06/01/2006**

At 6:05 pm the meeting was called to order. Present were Gene Cordes, Donald Gates Jr, Peter Bolduc and Jeanne Nygren.

A descriptive agenda was left by Town Administrator Heidi Carlson. Cordes proceeded to go through each item on the agenda.

Dick Heselton and Heidi Carlson are at a Forest Fire Warden Training in Brentwood; Rescue Squad representation will not be at the meeting.

**OLD BUSINESS**

1. The Selectmen reviewed the minutes of the May 18, 2006 meeting. Motion was made by Cordes and seconded by Gates to approve them as written. The vote was approved 3-0.
2. Field Day is June 9<sup>th</sup> and the school is still looking for volunteers. We have Gene Cordes, Don Gates, Dick Rand, and Neal Janvrin as volunteers.
3. Cordes presented a check list with responsibilities and review consideration to be used along with NH OEM sample of EMD job description to be used by Neal Janvrin, Dick Heselton, and Lisa Maffei who have all agreed to be EMD search committee members. There is also additional NH OEM information including a sample job description and list of duties. This will be copied, along with the checklist from Cordes, and the resumes of the candidates, for each of the search committee members. After review by the committee they need to make their recommendation and set interviews by June 8, 2006. A motion was made by Cordes and seconded by Gates, all in favor 3-0.

Chief Janvrin came into the meeting at 6:45 pm. He talked about Williams Communications currently being in the process of upgrading the phone system at the Safety Complex, and it is going smoothly. He also went over the Memorial Day detour because of Scribner Road being closed poses a little bit of a problem but nothing his department can't handle or work around. Carlson made several copies of laminated directions from either end of the detour, as the Brentwood Police Department is handling traffic so that all Fremont officers can march.

Cordes also brought up that the Town should have some type of Pandemic Emergency Plan outline and discussed in case there is an emergency situation posed in the future. Janvrin will provide some input regarding this matter.

At 7:30 pm Darrell Turner came in to go over the Memorial Day parade recap. Turner expressed his wish for later in the year formulating a committee to try having more community involvement after the parade. He also asked the question of having a rider less horse in the parade but that didn't have approval of the Selectmen.

At 8:00 pm Dan Daley came in to discuss his desire to be appointed as an Alternate Member of the Planning Board. After discussion and questions by the Selectmen Mr. Daley was asked to accept this position. Motion was made by Gates and seconded by Bolduc to appoint Daley to a three year term as a Planning Board Alternate. The vote was unanimously approved 3-0 and Selectmen signed an appointment form, which he took and was sworn in by Town Clerk Lori Holmes. This appointment expires in 2009. Mr. Daley left the meeting at 8:30 pm.

A recess for 5 minutes was taken.

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. Selectmen reviewed the accounts payable manifest \$19,217.86. Motion was made by Gates and seconded by Bolduc to approve them as written.

2. An announcement was made today that FEMA has declared a major disaster for New Hampshire, including Rockingham County and making a federal aid program for disaster recovery for NH residents. After FEMA looked at Scribner Road on Wednesday, the only assistance available at this juncture is to restore the road to its "pre-event" condition and we could be eligible for 75% of the cost to restore. Work beyond that would need to be fully funded by the Town.

Grace Levergood of the NH DES Dam Bureau has indicated that work on the sluiceway needs a permit from the Dam Bureau, and NH DES at a minimum. They also advised of their opinion on whether the sluiceway is part of the road or part of the dam. The ownership needs to be determined as FEMA will not pay for private property work. A project for the residence at 130 Scribner Road to be able to gain access to his property and business has been initiated by Holmes with Alan Swan. Holmes has tentatively lined up contractors to do the access work beginning next week. Selectmen agreed that this portion of the work should go ahead to get access to this building. Barriers do need to be in place to prevent any access to the disturbed area while digging is going on.

Cordes wanted issues answered as to what is the damage, who owns the dam and was it built for Turner's Mill. We need a budget for the remaining 25% that is not reimbursable and to determine what that dollar amount is. Maybe fixing the 125 feet of road and putting up jersey barriers on the water side might work before the bridge is fixed. A phone conversation by Cordes with Road Agent Guerwood Holmes has set up a continuation of tonight's meeting to be held on Tuesday May 30<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm to discuss road related issues on the remaining work to be done at Scribner Road. Cordes made this motion, Gates seconded, and all were in favor. Holmes also made a verbal request to the Selectmen's Office that the Board look at the Collins building to see the extent of damage.

3. Damage to the properties evacuated by the storm at Tibbetts Road was discussed. Thom Roy provided a written update of the properties that are still vacant, those up and running and everyone has been reached that owns property on the street. The dumpster that was provided for their removal of damaged material will be replaced with an empty one for this holiday weekend. The residents need to be notified that the dumpster will be there until June 2, 2006 for their convenience. The final pickup will be Monday June 5, 2006 according to the Board's decision. Roy also left in his report that the Town should be aware there is quite a bit of general trash he feels needs to be picked up. His recommendation was to have the Town do this project. After discussion the Selectmen felt that the Town can only do what needs to be done in the right of way only, and not on private property. A notice to that affect with me made available for these residents, with a mailing that Carlson is preparing to go out on Friday.

Bolduc extended a thank you for the informative presentation and update made by Building Inspector Thom Roy on Tibbetts Road. Bolduc also thought a thank you from the Town for all the help by the departments at the time of the flood should be placed into the Carriage Town Newspaper. A draft letter will be done by Cordes and submitted for approval.

4. Other flood related updates – all roads aside from Scribner are now open. Permanent signs for each end of Scribner have been ordered. Repairs at all other town roads are complete and traffic has been open since Friday of last week.

5. The Selectmen reviewed the June Newsletter and had only one revision before being sent for printing.

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6. The below listed abatements were reviewed by the Selectmen and a motion by Bolduc, seconded by Gates, all were in favor 3-0 to approve payment of these abatements.

Wheeler	02-110	964 Main Street	\$153.14
Caputo	02-053	607 Main Street	\$739.85
Carr	01-069	109 Scribner Road	\$767.52
Dumas	04-094.40	23 Godfrey Lane	\$500.00
Lovely	02-105.04	7 Kirsten's Landing	\$416.97

To follow-up the meeting last week, the Selectmen want a letter drafted to Mr. Lufkin at 284 Main Street. The Doucette's have made an appointment to meet with the Board on Thursday June 2 to discuss their views on this, and the information they were given by Mr Lufkin. Roy provided his written response letter to the Board, with comments regarding their questions. This will be included in the letter to Lufkin. The recommendation as provided by Roy will be used as a basis to send the letter to Lufkin. Motion was made by Cordes, seconded by Gates to send a letter to Lufkin indicating that all were in favor 3-0.

8. The Town website has been updated daily with new flood and resource information, as well as a lot of new information put up this week on the Highway and Health pages.

9. The bond estimate for Shawn Senter's newly proposed subdivision on Whittier Drive will be discussed after the reports by the committees are reviewed. Motion was made by Cordes, seconded by Bolduc and all were in favor 3-0.

10. The oil bids from Flynn Oil in Exeter and Irving Oil in Portsmouth were reviewed by the Selectmen and a decision not to jump into the selection at this time. The expressed a wish to have this brought up again at the June 15<sup>th</sup> meeting for decision.

11. The dates of the Selectmen's vacation were provided. Both Cordes and Gates will be off the week of July 24<sup>th</sup>. There will be no meeting on that week.

12. Selectmen reviewed an email from Leonard and Janice Emery at 77 Whittier Drive regarding their driveway and fluorescent orange paint on their road. Selectmen would like another follow-up letter to be written to the residents stating this information. Carlson will provide this letter.

**NEXT WEEK**

The continuation of this meeting will be Tuesday, May 30, 2006 and the regular Board meeting will be held on Thursday June 1, 2006 at 6:00 pm to be at the Collins property site with the Selectmen and Holmes present. Motion was made by Cordes, seconded by Gates; all were in favor 3-0 to continue this meeting on May 30, 2006 at 6:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanne Nygren

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At 6:05 pm on Tuesday May 30, 2006, the Selectmen reconvened at the Town Offices. Present were Selectmen Gene Cordes, Donald Gates Jr, and Peter Bolduc; Road Agent Guerwood Holmes and Town Administrator Heidi Carlson;

Holmes reported that today contractors working on Scribner Road had removed all of the hottop and hauled it out; and had even started hauling back in some of the gravel. They got to the sluiceway today and found it was not damaged. A call had been placed to the Dam Bureau on Sunday morning and another will be placed on Wednesday morning to provide updates and ask if they want/need to come down to view the current status.

Holmes said that two truckloads of boulders will be hauled off tomorrow morning, it will be graded with the dozer to a flat surface and bring in four inch minus with inch and a half on top of that. Holmes indicated that he felt the only problem to fix will be the fence/guardrail along the roadway.

Holmes wants to restore the road to how it was before. FEMA will likely be able to reimburse the Town 75% for that scope of work.

There was discussion about the potential of making some agreement with Dale Turner that he will drain it down to be lower than the road in the spring and when there is a prediction of heavy rains. If the road is not going to be raised or any improvements made to the sluiceway, this would be necessary to insure that in the future a similar situation may not happen. Dependent on the water levels, it may never be possible to fully regulate, and the dam owner is the only one with exclusive rights to the water flow.

If the Town is going to do something to change the road and make it better for the future, it needs to be paid in full by the Town. FEMA will only pay a portion to restore it to its "pre-flood" condition.

Selectmen asked Holmes to put a number together for the cost of the construction to restore the road to its original condition; including replacement of the concrete slab over the sluiceway and to build the road back to its pre-flood condition. The Board also asked for him to get an additional estimate for taking out the sluiceway and making it bigger. This would simply be an estimate, and would also require other permits and permission from the sluiceway owner.

A plat was consulted to see if it could be determined who owned the sluiceway. Collins had a property survey done several years ago that had some reference points on it. Two of the Turner deeds were also obtained and reviewed for information as well. When Dale Turner is at the meeting on Thursday evening, he will be asked about the ownership of the sluiceway. From reading the deeds, and a conversation Carlson had with him on Friday last week, it would appear that the sluiceway is part of the dam, and owned by Dale Turner.

There was also discussion about a concrete wall at the uphill side of where the gravel berm is generally constructed, high enough and thick enough to hold back the water.

The Board asked Holmes to also consider what other options might be available and discuss it further on Thursday night. Holmes said that if we are not simply putting it back to the original grade and status, there needs to be full consultation with NH DES, permitting, an engineer, etc; and that it would get into substantial cost for the Town.

Carlson indicated that Grace Levergood of the NH DES Dam Bureau indicated that work to the sluiceway required a permit from NH DES Wetlands as well as from the Dam Bureau.

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Bolduc also suggested that a low spot in the roadway be set aside, where the water is intended to run over. This was also suggested by Levergood. There was some discussion about how and where to construct such an emergency spillway.

Holmes said that the purpose of damming the roadway (done by constructing the temporary berms in times of flood) is to save the roadway and to protect the Collins property.

Holmes said that the Collins basement had a great deal of sludge and material in it. Holmes said that he had a lot of material and equipment in the basement that was damaged by the water.

Cost to put it back the way it was and any possible alternatives to see what those costs would be. It was agreed that any work beyond the repair to what it was, needed to be thoroughly engineered for a reconstruction project.

There was discussion about storing concrete jersey barrier blocks somewhere nearby if they were needed.

Holmes said that he is not qualified to make any engineering decisions about the structures, but thinks, along with contractors Chuck Bolduc and Leon Holmes (currently working out there), that you could also pour a slab over the existing sluiceway and continue to build the road over it. Holmes does not feel there is any damage to the sluiceway or its integrity.

While Selectmen were talking with Holmes, they signed Memorial Day letters to: Pastor John Loker, Fremont Police Department & Color Guard, Fremont Fire Department, Darrell Turner, Deb Maslowski, Grand Marshall Eleanor Gates, Fremont Cub Scouts, Bertram Seaver, Parks & Recreation Commission, Joshua Cooley, Fremont Athletic Association, Guest Speaker Shawn O'Brien, Nick Ferro, Sarah Croteau, Joe Dreyer, Gold Star Mother Lillian Pratt, The Grace Notes, Dick Rand, the Dunlap Highland Band, Dick Heselton, Guerwood Holmes, Sally Cocco, the Ellis School Band and Chorus, Mary Anderson, and Roger Anderson. The balance will be prepared for the meeting on Thursday night.

Selectmen reworked a draft letter to Jim Lufkin regarding his property at 284 Main Street and it will be finalized for signature Thursday night.

Carlson talked briefly with Holmes about the driveway permit form, in response to the newly adopted regulations; as well as the proposed Senter subdivision off of Whittier Drive.

At approximately 7:00 pm all those present traveled to the main Street side of the Scribner Road dam to view the progress which had been made today. While at the site, several neighbors came by to also view the work.

The scope of work has expanded to removing all of the old pavement, because Holmes said he had overestimated how long it would take to complete. Today all of the pavement was removed and they started to bring in new gravel at the Abbott Road end, so that access can be provided to the Collins building.

Carlson advised the Board that Chief Heselton had today indicated he did not feel it was appropriate for him to serve on the EMD search committee because he felt it was a conflict of interest. Selectmen were disappointed, because they had set up a search committee at Heselton's request. This will be further discussed on Thursday evening at the regular Board meeting.

With no further business, a motion was made by Gates and seconded by Bolduc to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 pm. The Selectmen, Carlson, and Holmes left the site at this time.

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The next regular Board meeting will be held at 6:00 pm on Thursday June 1, 2006. It will begin at 6:00 pm on Scribner Road at the dam. Dale Turner has been invited to attend the site meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Heidi Carlson  
Town Administrator